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Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre placed supply order on an externalagency for equipment instead of using available in-house fabrication facility during 1996-98 at a cost of Rs. 27-38 lakh;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the matter enquired into and if so, the outcome thereof; and

(d) the steps taken to ensure that items are not imported for which indigenously produced are available ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS, MINISTRY OF PLANNING, DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND DEPARTMENT OF SPACE (SMT.VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a)&(b) Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC) placed an order on an externalagency for fabrication of strap on adjustment systems for Geo-Synchronous Satellite launch Vehicle (GSLV) during 1996-98 at a cost of Rs. 27.38 lakhs.This work was given for external fabrication based on the estimate of work content and large volume of repetitive work, which normally is carried out making use of well qualified external fabrication facilities and also taking into account the work load on the internal fabrication facilities.

(c) A para on this subject was included in the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year ended March 31, 1998. In the Action Taken Note on this para, justification was given for giving this fabrication work to an external agency. Audit concurred with the Action Taken Note.

(d) As a policy, indigenous components/systems are used subject to meeting the space quality and schedule requirements.